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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

 www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.html

SANBAG BOARD BRIEFS:

► I-15/Ranchero Road Interchange Contract Awarded

The Board of Directors awarded a \$36 M construction contract for the I-15/Ranchero Road Interchange in Hesperia. Construction will start in January 2013 and will take approximately two years to complete. This project received \$25.7 M in unexpected funding from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in May 2012. The CTC allocated \$21.135 M in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds and \$4.55 M in State-Local Partnership Program funds. These funds were remaining from other state transportation projects that had come in under budget. One of the CTC stipulations was that a project must be near construction and the contract must be awarded by December 2012. Since this project fit that criteria, SANBAG and the City of Hesperia took the opportunity to receive the funding and expedite the overall \$44 M project.

► Measure I Revenue Report

SANBAG is now in its second year of the renewed Measure I, 2010-2040, the half-cent sales tax for transportation, and is receiving revenue from the Measure. The past two years have generated the following revenues from Measure I sales tax:

FY 2010/2011 \$ 115.6 Million

FY 2011/2012 \$ 130.8 Million

Measure I receipts for July-September, 2012, are \$34.3 million, in comparison to \$31.0 million received during the same period last year. This represents an increase of 10.48%.

► Public Invited to I-10 Corridor Scoping Meetings

SANBAG and Caltrans are proposing to improve and widen a 35-mile segment of the I-10 Freeway from near the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line in Pomona to Ford Street in Redlands. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the movement of people and goods through the I-10 corridor. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to evaluate multiple alternatives. Two Public Scoping Meetings (*listed right*) will be held in November to provide an exchange of information and ideas and give the public the opportunity to ask questions or express concerns. Comments will become part of the public record. To read more about the project, go to:

www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/mi_fwyl-10-corridor.html

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

► Countywide Vision Meetings continue

The Countywide Vision was adopted by SANBAG and the County in 2011. Element Group Meetings are now being conducted with elected officials, key staff, and stakeholders from the private and public sectors to focus on education, environment, healthcare, housing, jobs/economy, public safety, and water. The groups have identified two overall regional goals: 1) support the success of every child from cradle to career; and 2) establish our County as a business-friendly model in the state.

► SANBAG Legislative Platforms Adopted

The SANBAG Board adopted a two-year Legislative Platform to conform with the State and Federal legislative cycle. The State Platform is focused on protecting funding for transportation and being a strong voice for community issues, such as local control of Ontario International Airport. The Federal Platform provides Board direction to work with San Bernardino County's Congressional delegation to increase funding levels for transportation programs, such as goods movement.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NOV 14	General Policy Comm.	9:00 am
NOV 15	Board Study Session	9:00 am
NOV 15	Commuter Rail / Transit	12:00 pm
NOV 16	Mountain / Desert	9:30 am

PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR

NOV 13	I-10 Corridor Improvement Public Scoping Meeting Hilton Hotel, San Bernardino	5 - 7 pm
NOV 15	I-10 Corridor Improvement Public Scoping Meeting Sheraton Hotel, Ontario	5 - 7 pm

► Eastern Maintenance Facility Expansion Starts Commuter Rail on the Right Track



SANBAG Vice-president Mike Leonard, San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris, Colton Mayor Sarah Zamora, and Metrolink's Dennis Marzec prepare to ceremoniously drive the first spikes of the EMF project.

On October 4, SANBAG and officials from Metrolink, Colton, and San Bernardino gathered at the Metrolink Eastern Maintenance Facility to break ground for an expansion project that is the first in a series of efforts to enhance commuter rail in the Inland Empire. The expansion project will extend the tracks to the south, allowing for an adequate storage area for the entire San Bernardino Metrolink fleet of trains. Included in the extension effort will be improvements to the Lytle Creek Channel and widening the existing bridge for the new track. This approximately \$13 million improvement is scheduled to be complete in May 2013.

Once complete, trains currently being stored at night just east of the historic Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino will be housed at the expanded facility in Colton. This storage

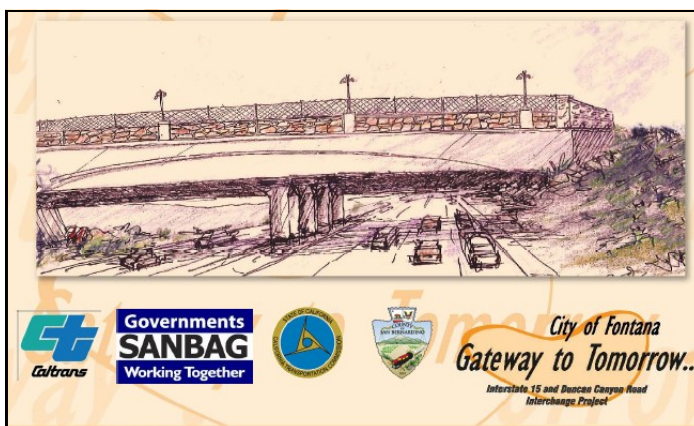
option provides SANBAG and Metrolink with the ability to move forward with construction of the Downtown San Bernardino Passenger Rail Project, an extension of commuter rail to a planned transit center at the intersection of Rialto Avenue and E Street. These improvements open the door for commuters to explore other modes of transportation.



► I-15/Duncan Canyon Starts Construction

Officials from the City of Fontana, SANBAG, Caltrans and other representatives of the area celebrated the start of construction of a new interchange on Interstate 15 just north of State Route 210 with a well-attended groundbreaking ceremony on October 12.

The Duncan Canyon Interchange at I-15 currently exists as a two-lane overcrossing which was constructed in 1976. The existing overpass will be widened and result in a six-lane interchange that will include on and off ramps connecting to I-15.



Artist rendering of the future Duncan Canyon Interchange at I-15.

Construction is expected to continue through late 2014. For more information about road closures, construction schedule and staging, traffic concerns, and other information related to the project, visit www.fontana.org and click on City Projects.

► Have you seen this symbol?



Located on a retaining wall adjacent to westbound Interstate 10 between Yucaipa and Redlands, this wall treatment is a depiction of a geoglyph that was once ground into the hillside near the Yucaipa Pass by a Native American tribe from that region. It was noticeable until 1965 when grading obscured its visibility.